

STUDY PERIOD

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Bonnie May is one of those fresh young things with nerve enough to sass the teachers and make faces at them when necessary. Bonnie is partial to costume jewelry, with a dozen or so charm bracelets loaded with bells and things that rattle, so that when she writes something and erases madly, the jingle can be heard in the next classroom. When asked to remove them for the duration of the period she will say, "And lose all my charms?" which leaves a male teacher all up in the air.



Audrey was excused to get a handkerchief from the locker room. She is busy applying first aid (nail polish) to a run in her hosiery. Louise asked to leave the room, too. She has been doing her hair new ways, and now she is trying on all the hats before going back to the classroom. Interludes like these make study period bearable.



Poor Leatrice is "nearly famished." Just has "to have a bite of something" during study period. Opens her desk and eats a sandwich behind the desk lid with much crumpling of paper.



At last Lorena has a chance to read the boy friend's letter unhurriedly. Every time she comes to where he calls her "Little Snugglepuss" she tingles all over. Of course, she has read and reread it pretty thoroughly between classes, but now she can give thought to her answer.



Edna is one of those boisterous girls, careless about slamming desk tops and things. Doesn't give a hoot. When begged to mend her ways, she just looks innocent and says, "Who, ME? What did I do?"



Lily is always sending notes to her chum three rows away. Sometimes she passes them, and sometimes she throws them. When caught, hand in air, she pretends she is waving her hand at teacher and asks if she can close the window.



Under-the-desk view of the girl who is proud of her feet, and wears shoes half a size too small. Has to remove slippers to give tootsies a rest.



Betty has a nervous temperament. And is very conscientious. Claims she just can't learn a thing unless she studies out loud. Clutches her hair, and when she forgets something, lets out a fearful groan. Gruesome to sit near.



From left to right, we have: the girl who really studies and is frowned upon by her classmates because she's no fun at all; the girl who hums during study period (probably "Rosalie"), and the girl who sits and stares into space. (When her teacher tells her to busy herself and not waste time, she explains she "was just thinking," which every one knows is a big lie.)

